

WENT BACK ON BENEFACITOR.

Philanthropic Women Disappointed in Their Protege.

The late Mrs. Clara Dewey How of Philadelphia, whose philanthropic work among immigrants made her well known, had a trenchant wit, and one afternoon in Philadelphia, discussing the woman suffrage movement with a clergyman, she said:

"You men are all alike. You all resemble the orphan that Mrs. Stanton and her friends brought up. Mrs. Stanton and a body of ladies from her church, all interested in woman suffrage, once took a little newsboy from the gutter and educated him superbly. They sent him through school and college and finally made a minister of him."

"This young minister, the work of their hands, preached his first sermon in their church. That was a proud Sunday morning for the good ladies. They thought they had at last firmly planted among the male sex a strong and splendid supporter. So, in their best bonnets, they filled the church that Sunday morning. They were on tiptoe with expectation. Who could tell but that their young charge might preach in their honor a woman suffrage sermon?"

"Imagine their emotions when the youth arose in the pulpit, looked calmly and even sternly over the congregation and announced that his text would be from St. Paul:

"Let the women keep silence in the church!"

CAUSED LISTENERS TO SMILE.

Clergyman's Announcement Ticked the Risibilities.

As may be inferred, each profession has its stock jokes—its stories innumerable—each of which having a flavor of its own. That the point of a joke or jest lies not in the tongue of him who makes it, but in the ear that hears, is the testimony of the great dramatist.

The doctor on his rounds and the judge upon the bench have both an audience ready and willing to accept as the highest wit the bon mots of the speakers; and there is no club or gathering of men that does not acclaim one of its members as supreme in this respect. And are ready to yield due recognition of the gift. It must be admitted that the blunder and jests clerical stand for some reason pre-eminent both in number and in mirth producing qualities. The reason, of course, is not far to seek—the very surroundings, in which they occur—the very upsetting of one's preconceived notions of reverence, all tend to cause a reaction in the ordinary mental equilibrium, and the simplest mistake or accident under such circumstances assumes the proportions of a huge comedy.

Recently a divine, in drawing the attention of his congregation to a special communion service on the following Sunday informed them that "The Lord is with us in the forenoon and the bishop in the evening."

WORLD'S CITIES HARD TO KILL.

Rome Twice Burned, Six Times Starved—Paris' Eight Sieges.

Few of the world's great cities have not faced, at one time or another, total destruction. But a city is hard to kill.

Take Rome, for instance. She has been swept by pestilence no fewer than ten times. She has been twice burned and six times driven to submission by starvation. Perhaps it is on account of her great vitality that she is called the Eternal city.

Paris has gone through eight sieges, ten famines, two plagues and one fire which devastated it. Constantinople has been burned out nine times and has suffered from four plagues and five sieges. In addition, she has been ruled by monarchs who were worse than a plague. Yet Constantinople still flourishes.

London has been decimated five times by plagues, in addition to visitations of typhus, cholera and other epidemics. She has been burned more or less severely several times.—Stray Stories.

TOOK THEIR MATES ON TRIAL.

One-Year Marriages Once a Common Thing in Scotland.

They who talk glibly of short-term marriages and affinities do not know that in Scotland a one-year marriage, termed a handfasting, was once legal and fairly common. It was abandoned on account of its injustice to the woman.

Scott, in "The Monastery," mentions this one-year marriage, making Sir Julian Avenel say:

"We take our wives, like our horses, upon trial. When we are handfasted, as we term it, we are man and wife for a year and a day; that space gone by, each may choose another mate, or at their pleasure, may call the priest to marry them for life."

There was no disgrace attached to handfasting. It was, indeed, more often practiced among the great than the lowly. But the poor girl whose trial husband rejected her at the year's end rarely found it possible to secure a permanent mate.

Why Women Tolerate Men.

"You see that old woman and the young one in the corner of the room," said he. "They come here every night for dinner. I don't know whether they are mother and daughter or a rich woman and her attendant, but I wish you could hear their comments upon the men in the place. Critical as to their manners, their looks, their talk. I get quite discouraged when I happen to sit near enough to hear. Ever any man with them? Not that I ever saw, but it is the women who never go with men who are most critical. Those who do are lenient with their little foibles. They excuse them for the sake of whatever good traits they might chance to possess."

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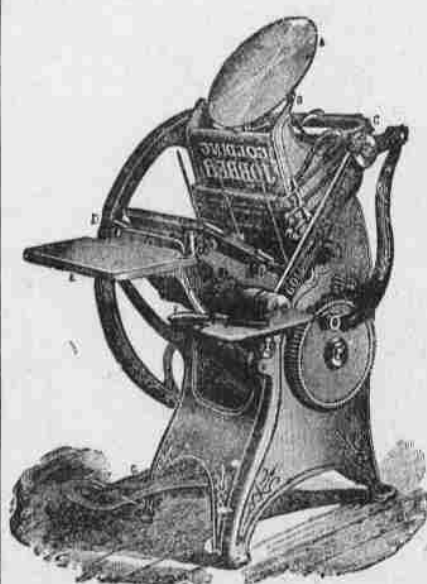
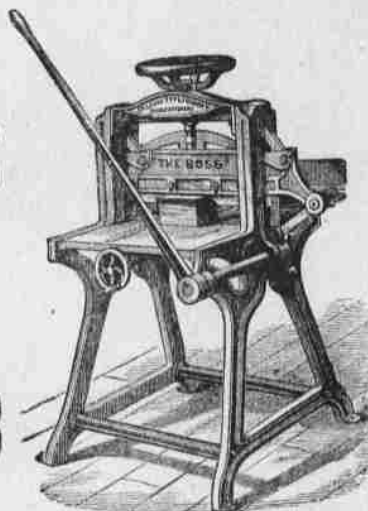
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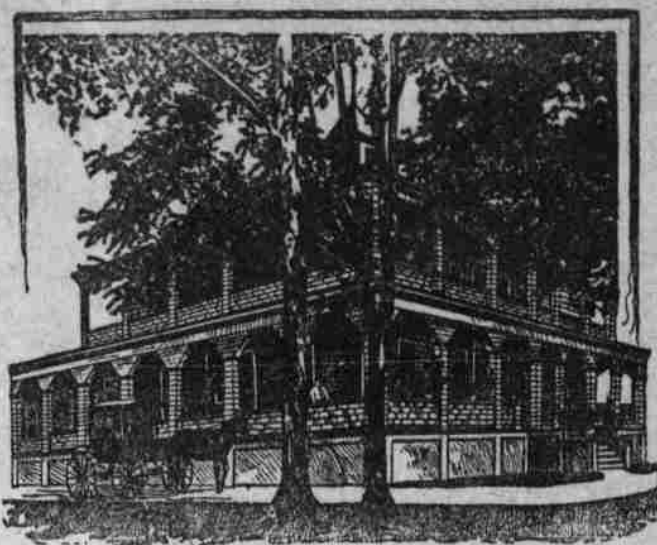
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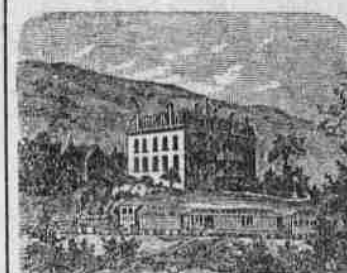
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